

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-29, and 38 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed June 16, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 18-20, 25-26, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sako (USP 6,789,087). The Examiner next rejected claims 21-24, and 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sako, as applied to claims 18 and 25 above, in view of DiMaria et al. (USP 6,075,455).

Claims 1-5, 7-14, and 16-17 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant appreciates such indication.

Rejections to claims 18, 25, and 38 are outstanding. Specifically, the Examiner rejected claims 18, 25, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sako.

Claims 18, 25, and 38 have been amended to further define the invention. Claim 18 now calls for, in part, a processor configured to automatically transmit one or more scan parameter values, including an indication of a radiation dosage used to acquire imaging data during the one or more imaging sessions corresponding to the set of scan parameters. Claim 25 now calls for, in part, displaying results that include an indication of a radiation dosage used to acquire imaging data during the one or more imaging sessions conducted in accordance with the scan parameters. Claim 38 now calls for, in part, providing a summary to a user, wherein the summary includes an indication of radiation used to acquire scan data during the scan. Sako does not teach or suggest transmitting or conveying information regarding radiation dosage acquired during the scan or imaging session. As such, Applicant believes that the amended claims 18, 25, and 38 are now patentably distinct over the art of record and are in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 18-29 and 38.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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